since been transferred to another Region. The information in respect of officers of Ministries of Industry, Commerce and Finance is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

DA to PSU Employees

4294. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether D. A. Committee appointed by Government to revive the formula for payment of Dearness Allowances to the employees of Central Public Sector Undertakings have since submitted its report;

(b) if so, the salient features of the report;

(c) the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay in submitting the report by the Committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Salient features of the Report are enhancement of IDA rate from Rs. 1.65 to Rs. 2.00 per point, mode of payment of arrears, etc. Govt. have accepted the recommendations made by the Committee.

BHEL Bagging Contract in Malaysia

4295. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited has submitted bids for the 500 MW Kapar Power Project in Malaysia and if so, what are the possibilities of BHEL bagging the contract;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a consortium of bidders from Japan has engineered rumours denigrating the technical capabilities of BHEL and also accusing BHEL of paying kickbacks to bag the contract, and if so;

(c) what steps Government propose to counter this disinformation campaign by vested Japanese interests ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir. Since the price bid has not been opened as yet, the possibilities of bagging the contract cannot be assessed at this stage.

(b) BHEL is not aware of this.

(c) Does not arise.

Booking of Maruti Cars

4296. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of booking orders for Maruti-Zen registered so far;

(b) the amount of deposit money collected in the course of booking;

(c) what is the initial cost of production of the car and what is the likely issue price including taxes per vehicle and the foreign exchange content thereof; and

(d) by when the delivery of the vehicle will commence ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) 73,749 bookings were registered by Maruti Udyog Limited (MUL) for Maruti-Zen between 1-6-1993 and 30-6-1993 when the bookings were held.

(b) The total advance money received by MUL against these bookings is Rs. 184 crores.

(c) It is not in the commercial interest of the Company to disclose the cost of production of Maruti-Zen. The ex-factory price of Zen is Rs. 2.81 lakhs of which excise duty is about Rs. 80,000/- and customs duty in the first year will be about Rs. 74,000/- per car.

(d) Commercial sale of the Zen will commence from October, 1993.

Involvement of Companies in KVIC

4297. DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN :
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Khadi and

Village Industries Commission has taken decision to involve companies also in the certain areas of the Khadi Village Industry;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that no impediment will be posed in achieving the main goal of the Commission to expand the cottage industries in the rural regions by this decision of the Commission;

(c) if not, what tasks relating to Village Industries falling under activities of the Commission have been entrusted to these companies; and

(d) what is the number of new cottage industries in the country for which assistance has been provided by the Commission during the year, 1992-93 alongwith the names of the places for the same and what is the number of those families who are likely to get employment on account of this assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) K. V. I. C. that marketing of K. V. I. C. products will improve if private companies are also associated. They passed a resolution on 26-11-90 and approved a scheme in principle.

(c) The KVIC decision for establishing linkages with major industrial Houses is for undertaking marketing of KVI products. KVIC has taken this decision in view of major expansion of production activities envisaged during the 8th Five Year Plan. The KVI products have to compete with products from other sectors, including highly mechanised sector for marketing their products. Increased production base under KVI sector would require enlarged market outlets for ensuring profitable returns to units of the Sector. However, no industrial house has been associated with any of the activities of K. V. I. C.

(d) Earlier there were 26 Village Industries under the purview of KVIC. At present there are 96 Village Industries and some more Village Industries may be also added in future. The programme of Khadi and Village Industries activities is implemented in almost all States and has so far reached 2.1 lakh villages in the country. The total employment created by these activities during 1992-93 is estimated at 51.58 lakhs (Khadi 14.28 lakhs and V. I. 37.30 lakhs).

Small Scale Reservation Policy

4298. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have relaxed the small scale reservation policy to encourage technological upgradation in readymade garments industry to increase exports; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have issued a Notification on 17-6-1993 exempting industrial undertakings engaged in the manufacture of readymade garments including knitted garments from the provisions of sub-sections 2A to 2G of Section 29-B of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 subject to the following conditions:—

(i) that the investment in fixed assets in plant and machinery in the Industrial Undertaking, whether held on ownership terms or on lease or by hire purchase, shall not exceed Rs. 3 crores;

(ii) that such industrial undertaking shall undertake to export a minimum of 50 percent of the new or additional annual production to be achieved within a maximum period of three years; and

(iii) not less than 50% of the export obligation undertaken in (ii) above shall be achieved by way of non-quota exports.

MOU by PSUs

4299. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain public sector enterprises have failed to sign memoranda of understanding in violation of the accepted Government policy to avoid accountability;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the reasons for not signing the MOU by these PSUs; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE